



Board of Assessors

January 8, 2009 – 9:00 a.m. - **Minutes**

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Present: Chairman Marty Treadup, Assessor Peter Berthiaume, Clerk, , Peter S. Barney, Administrative Assistant to the Board, and Carol Roy, Administrative Assistant and the Clerk of the Board Marianna Penha.

Meeting Called to Order at 9:00 AM.

The Board was reorganized with Mr. Treadup at Chairman and Mr. Berthiaume as Clerk for 2009.

Mr. Barney presented the fact that two homeowners on Marlborough and Sheffield Sts wished to defer their sewer betterments which will require the Assessors Office to record the liens at \$75.00 each which is not an included budget item. There was a discussion of the qualifications to defer a betterment.

Mr. Barney reported that two cases were heard at the ATB 64-249 D and 124- A-17 on January 5 and the actions in the courtroom by the two taxpayers. (There then was a discussion on sewers and the recent betterment projects within the city).

Mr. Barney reported that the Polaroid attorney presented a brief to the ATB about the case which presented nothing new to support his case. The decision could be imminent.

Mr. Barney reported on the first New Singular case where numerous towns filed against the ATB decision and the ATB has now dismissed their appeals. New Bedford did not appeal as it did not appear to be a winnable case. As such the Cities and towns will have to value this property themselves.

He also discussed the Verizon proposed settlements for 2004, 2008 and 2009.

A Clause 18 was filed on 137 A-175. The Board voted a \$300 exemption.

Mr. Barney reported that Deb Stuart from the DOR was to appear the next day and that he was to be on the Monthly WBSM radio show.

Mr. Berthiaume and Mr. Barney will meet with the Rockdale Avenue Neighborhood Group on February 2, 2009.

Mr. Treadup read sales: 1700 Acushnet Ave	sold for \$300,000	assessed: \$319,500
2112 Acushnet Ave	sold for \$850,000	assessed: \$728,000
114-120 Front St	sold for \$865,000	assessed: \$560,300
56 Rotch St	sold for \$244,500	assessed: \$253,200

Mr. Barney then discussed the sales prices and valuations of the many condo complexes and the situation with potential ATB cases with these taxpayers in light of the declining markets in 2008 to be the basis of analysis for 2010.

Adjourned: 9:50 AM

Submitted by:

Peter Berthiaume, Clerk